

May 2, 1977

Memo to File:

Re: Wildhorse Mine
Sec. 16, T. 10 S., R. 20 E.
Uintah County, Utah
DOE/047/002

A field inspection was made of this mine on the 13th of April 1977, by Brian Buck and Ron Daniels. They were accompanied by Lou Hatch, who will be the contract miner for this project.

The proposed mine will be a reactivation of old workings and is located south of Ouray, approximately 20 miles on an isolated block of State-owned land.

An old, practically abandoned access road leads to the mine site which is littered with scrap lumber and debris from previous operations. The last activity here is thought to have occurred about 1941. Three open shafts are present from the previous activity and from all indications, only one shaft will be utilized by Tarmac. The company has, however, committed to fencing the two unused caving and sloughing openings. It is believed that all three shafts are connected by underground drifts along the gilsonite seam.

The proposed development by Tarmac will improve the existing access road, utilize the southeastern most shaft, and install ore bins and two (2) buildings. It is Tarmac's belief that less than two acres will be disturbed. This will be possible if space is used judiciously on the surface.

The Division will make some recommendations to the Tarmac reclamation plan, then forward a copy of the plan to the Division of State Lands for its concurrence, since the total area will be less than two acres. An environmental assessment will not be prepared since the mine is a reactivation.

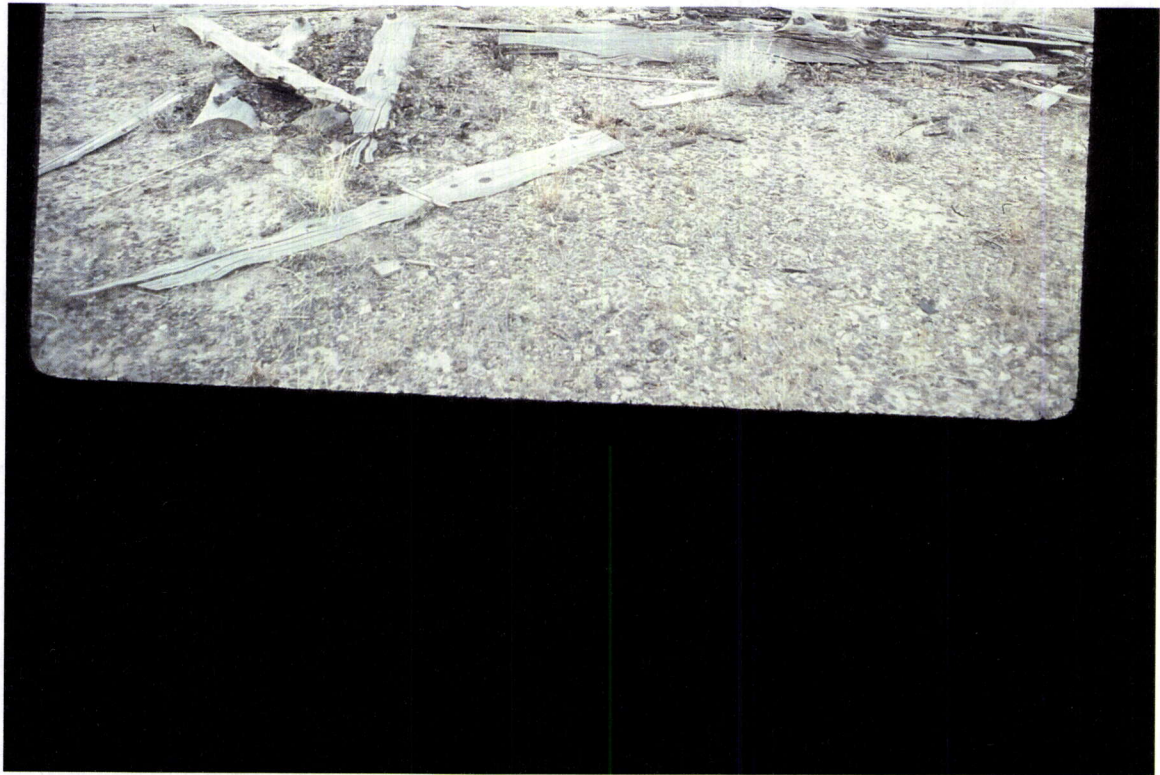
Plants of the shadscale-saltbrush vegetal type are present around the proposed mine site. Greasewood, shadscale, spiny hopsage, black sagebrush, mat saltbush, galleta grass, and indian ricegrass were observed during the field inspection.

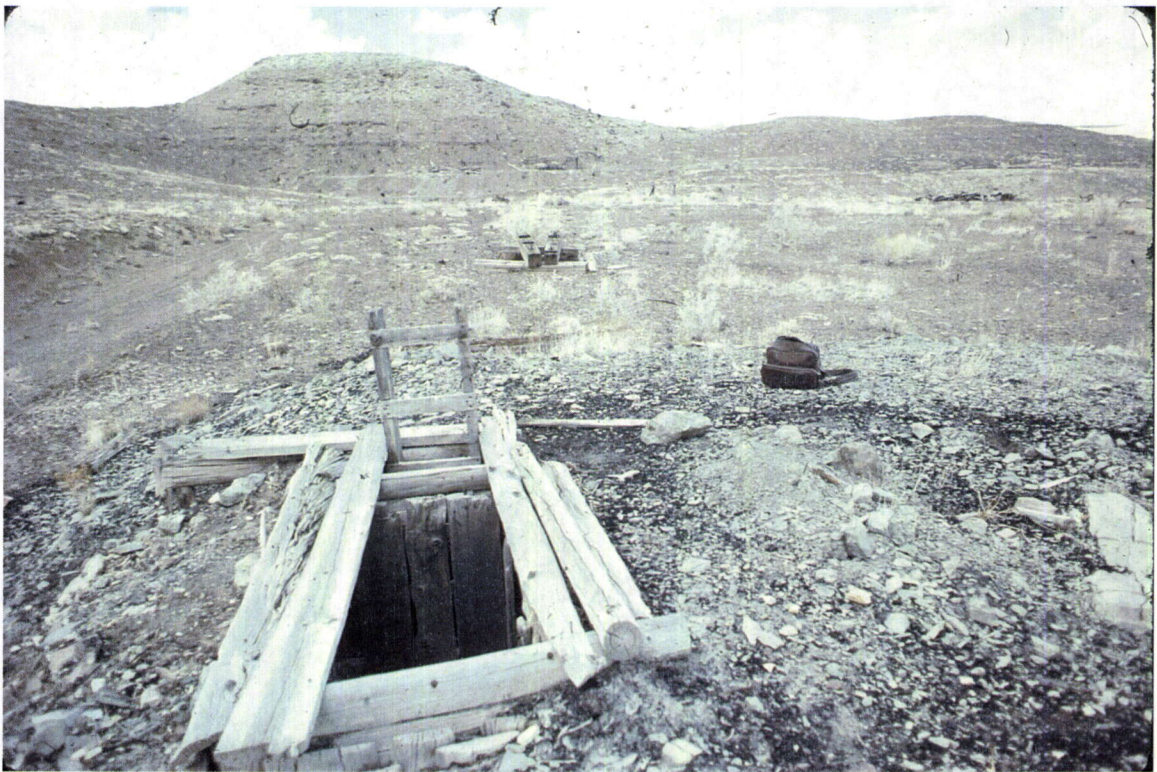
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cc: Jeff Brinton, State Lands

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Wild Horse Mine
Sec 16 10 S. 20 E
Looking SE at all 3
shafts the two in the
background will not be
used. Uinta Co

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Uinta Co. Rng. 20 E.

View of SE corner of SW 1/4 of
section. Corner is approx in
^{upper} center of the photo (near man)